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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2629

Application No.: 10/690,241

Examiner: D. LEWIS

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For: ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the January 12, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection and objections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 16-18 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-15 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent Application No. 2006/0098132 (Shiota).^{*} This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Shiota does not constitute prior art. More specifically, the effective prior art date of Shiota is October 25, 2005. The present application was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 22, 2003. Therefore, Shiota does not constitute prior art under

^{*} The Office Action actually states that claims 1-16 and 19-2 are rejected. However, based on the arguments presented and on the Office Action Summary, it appears that claims 1-15 and 19-21 are rejected. Confirmation as to the status of all claims is requested.